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H PASS: HONORABLE MATTHEW F. MCHUGH
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON D.C.

E.O. 11652 N/A
TAGS SHUM, AR
SUBJECT HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:
DETENTION OF ELENA SEVILLA (213/77/11)

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NOTE FROM THE
FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS: IN REPLY TO
YOUR REQUEST REGARDING ELENA SEVILLA:

2. (BEGIN TEXT) THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
WORSHIP PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE
REQUEST PRESENTED BY UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN MATTHEW
F. MCHUGH TO VISIT ARGENTINE CITIZEN ELENA SEVILLA VARGAS
WHO IS BEING HELD UNDER THE DISPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE POWER BY DECREE NO. 740/76. THE MINISTRY
WISHES TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT THE ARMY CHIEF
OF STAFF DENIED THE REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION (FOR THE
VISIT) WHEN THE CASE WAS SUBMITTED TO HIS ATTENTION.
(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE) (END TEXT).

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3. THE DETENTION OF MS SEVILLA HAS BEEN A CONTINUING TOPIC
OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN THIS EMBASSY AND OFFICIALS OF THE
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. A PREVIOUS REQUEST BY A DELEGATION
FROM THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE TO VISIT MS SEVILLA
WAS ALSO TURNED DOWN. ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES DID PERMIT THE
AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL, MR GOODWIN SHAPIRO, TO VISIT HER
BRIEFLY ON JANUARY 13, 1978 TO DISCUSS THE UNITED STATES RIGHT

OF OPTION PROCEDURES.

4. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT MS SEVILLAS CASE WILL CONTINUE TO
RECEIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION HERE AT THE EMBASSY. I WILL
KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

5. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.

6. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
CASTRO

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